

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 14, 2007, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2007.

NEW ALDERMAN'S OATH OF OFFICE

3. Oath Swearing in Alderman at Large John M. Connolly, elected in a Special Election on May 15, 2007.

CITATIONS

4. Citation By Ald. Sullivan, Congratulating Maurice Haddad on the happy occasion of his 70th birthday.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location Nstar Electric/Verizon for a grant of location to install a stub in the sidewalk of Washington St. at Florence St.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

6. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works install lighting in the basketball court at McKenna/Corbett Playground, to be turned off at 10 PM.
7. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD inspect Montrose St. for the improper disposal of trash on trash pickup days.
8. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police monitor Montrose St. for one-way violators between 4 and 7 PM.
9. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works install fans or other cooling mechanisms in the Kennedy School gymnasium.

10. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD inspect the garage at 25 Hamlet St. for unsafe conditions.
11. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree at 69 Walnut St. for trimming or removal.
12. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police, in conjunction with the Licensing Commission, monitor after hours activities at Club Choices.
13. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD contact the owner of 41 Belmont St. regarding the overflowing dumpster and direct him to relocate it to a better location.
14. Order By Ald. Taylor, Connolly and Desmond, That the Director of SPCD inspect 19 Craigie St. for a rooming house.
15. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO LEFT TURN sign at Lincoln St. and Broadway with a NO ENTRY 7-9 AM EXCEPT ABUTTERS sign.
16. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works install American flags on Broadway, from Walnut St. to Mt. Pleasant St., and leave them in place until Veterans Day.
17. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sidewalks on Allston St. and take the appropriate corrective action.
18. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD dispatch the Neighborhood Impact Team to 9-11 Everett Ave. and 28 Franklin St. to inspect for illegal units, overcrowding conditions, or any other safety and health code violations.
19. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the lifted or broken sidewalk panels at both corners of Mt Vernon St. at Wheeler St.
20. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD monitor the driveway at 91-93 Franklin St. and take appropriate action anytime it is blocked for any reason.
21. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works send a communication to the B&M Railroad and/or the MA Highway Dept. regarding the Cross St. bridge and Gilman St. underpass, as they both pose serious safety issues.

22. Resolution By Ald. Roche, Pero, Sullivan and Desmond, That this Board requests that our State Delegation coordinate with this Board and DCR Commissioner Rick Sullivan to arrange tours of DCR properties Foss Park, Dilboy Field, Veterans Skating Rink and Draw Seven Park, and that the presidents of Somerville's youth leagues and the members of the Foss Park Neighborhood Association be invited to discuss safety, cleanliness, maintenance, and equity in the assignment of playing fields, among other issues.
23. Order By Ald. Roche, Sullivan, Heuston and Desmond, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that Frank Santangelo and Gerry Boyle coordinate a meeting with Recreation Commissioner Jim Halloran and the Somerville Youth Soccer President to discuss the renovation/creation of soccer fields at the Capuano and Lincoln Park Schools, to best accommodate the soccer program and to determine if grant money is available for synthetic playing surfaces.
24. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration conduct a citywide awareness effort about the State's clean needle law for hypodermic needles, and the city's response to the presence of used needles on our streets, sidewalks and playgrounds.
25. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission analyze the citywide permit parking initiative.
26. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Dedication Committee consider naming the corner of Josephine and Morrison Aves. in memory of WWII veteran Neil G Buckley.
27. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police place speed boards on Medford St. at Adams St., on Kidder Ave., and on Morrison Ave. (after the resurfaced area).
28. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police place a speed trap on Central St.
29. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, Heuston and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 74 Summer St.
30. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, Heuston and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works rectify the damage at 74 Summer St. caused by the street paving contractor.
31. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the ban on overnight parking on Sycamore St. between Medford St. and Evergreen Ave.

32. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD issue citations for violations of the trash ordinance at 3-5 Walter Terrace.
33. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works initiate street cleaning on both sides of East Albion St., and that the Director of Traffic and Parking post signage.
34. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on the Langmaid Ave. side of the house at 12 Heath St.
35. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Marshall St. at various times over a 24 hour cycle.
36. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board requests that the MA Highway Dept. test, and if necessary reset, the traffic signal timer at the intersection of Mystic Ave. and Shore Drive, specifically, the timer controlling the flow of traffic from Mystic Ave. onto Shore Drive.
37. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Thurston St. between Evergreen Ave. and Medford St. at various times over a 24 hour cycle.
38. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the newly installed sidewalk at 25 Meacham St. for compliance with safety regulations.
39. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Offering his appreciation to the voting public for their participation in the May 15, 2007, Special Election, and his congratulations to the Election and Police Depts. for a job well done conducting the election.
40. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol for possible electric-amplified noise ordinance violations by street performers evenings in Davis Sq. Plaza.
41. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That this Board requests that the Administration contact the State Delegation to initiate discussions with DCR to procure some or all of Foss Park.
42. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the road surface on Winter St. between College Ave. and Holland St.
43. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the missing curb stone at the traffic island opposite the sewing center at the intersection of Day and Elm Sts. in Davis Sq.

44. Order By Ald. Connolly and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken scoreboard at the baseball diamond at Trum Field.
45. Order By Ald. Connolly and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works take the necessary actions to erect a bench and bus shelter at 114 Highland Ave.
46. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Roche and Sullivan, That this Board requests that the DCR Commissioner repair the damaged stairway at the end of Flint St., leading up to the DCR maintained walkway. (2nd request)
47. Order By Ald. Sullivan and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the pile of sand next to the entrance of Lexington Park on the bike path side.
48. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That the Environmental Coordinator institute a public awareness campaign to educate residents of the MA Anti-Idling Law.
49. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Desmond and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the tree at 74 Summer St.
50. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Desmond and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the roof at the rear of the Cross St. Senior Center.
51. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration explain in writing the allocation of the additional \$30,000 given by the MaxPak developer, above the \$20,000 originally agreed to.
52. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Housing appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss affordable housing in preparation for the Green Line Extension.
53. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Administration report to this Board the cost of painting the exterior of City Hall and the feasibility of including this project in the Capital Plan this year, as the paint on the building is peeling extensively.
54. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward 6 Alderman this Spring's street re-paving plan and prioritize the re-paving of Irving St.

55. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board supports Governor Patrick's Municipal Partnership Act, which would provide much needed revenue to the City, and that this Board also supports his Tax Fairness Plan, which would close corporate tax loopholes, helping to offset the property tax.
56. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on discussions of the 48 hour parking rule and what options are feasible as an alternative.
57. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street sign for Crown St. at the intersection of Crown and Porter Sts.
58. Resolution By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Connolly, Taylor and the Entire Board, That the Committee on Monuments and Memorials rename the High School Concourse "Fedele Way" in honor of the late Anthony Fedele, former High School Principal.
59. Order By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Sullivan and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken field lights at Conway Park and reposition those that were installed incorrectly.
60. Order By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Sullivan and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works extend the backstop fences at fields A and B at Conway Park.
61. Order By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Sullivan and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the field lights at Lincoln Park.
62. Order By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Sullivan and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works fence in the dugout areas at the Lincoln Park Little League baseball field.
63. Order By Ald. White, That Wig Zamore, the City's representative on the Community Advisory Board for Logan Airport, appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss air traffic from Logan Airport.
64. Order By Ald. White and Pero, That the Director of Personnel advise this Board of the revised schedule for the appointment of the Chief of Police.
65. Order By Pres. Trane, That this Board re-appoints John Heymann to the Ethics Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 66. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, June 5.
Report
- 67. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, June 11.
Report
- 68. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, June 12.
Report
- 69. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Utilities & Works, June
Report 13.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 70. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to use available funds of \$98,491.66 in the Police Salaries Acct. to establish a Police Detail Fund pursuant to a collective bargaining obligation.
- 71. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$121,638 in the DPW Sewer Enterprise, from MWRA Assessments to Principal on Long Term Debt (\$80,000) and Interest on Long Term Debt (\$41,638).
- 72. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$110,000 from the Police Salaries Acct. to the Vehicle Acct. to fund four 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Police Sedans.
- 73. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$11,466 from the Unemployment Compensation Insurance Acct. to the Debt Service-Interest on Notes-BAN Acct. to eliminate a year-end deficit.
- 74. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$11,102 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Treasury Salaries Acct. to fund accrued vacation time earned by William Fowler.
- 75. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer of \$2,600 from the Treasury Building Insurance Acct. (\$2,097) and the Office Supplies Acct. (\$503) to the Treasury Salaries Acct. to eliminate a year-end deficit.
- 76. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the Law Dept. to pay a prior year invoice of \$175 for services rendered re: Troiani vs. the City of Somerville.
- 77. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$35,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety for the Personnel Dept.'s Summer Jobs Program targeting youth at risk.

- 78. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$9,000 from the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation for the Arts Council's Books of Hope program.
- 79. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$750 from the US Tennis Association New England for the Recreation Dept.'s Tennis Program.
- 80. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Resolution to ban purchases from the Smithfield Packing Co.'s Tar Heel Division, until the company ends all intimidation and abuse of its workers.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 81. Officer's Comm. City Solicitor responding to #183307 re: a draft of a Home Rule Petition providing the City with jurisdiction over State and DCR public ways that traverse the City.
- 82. Officer's Comm. Chief of Police responding to various Board Orders.
- 83. Officer's Comm. Director of SPCD responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 84. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Dahn Holistic Fitness Martial Arts Demonstration, Davis Sq. Statue Park, June 16, 3-6PM, June 23, 4-7PM & June 30, 2-5PM.
- 85. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, St. Anthony's Parish Feast of St. John, Properzi Way, June 23, 7PM-12Midnight.
- 86. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, "Summertime in Somerville" Trum Field Fireworks, June 28, 5-10:30PM, and Family Fun Day, June 30, Noon-5PM (raindate Fireworks, July 7 and Family Fun Day, July 8).
- 87. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, "SomerMovie Fest" Outdoor Films, Seven Hills Park, Prospect Hill & Conway Park, July 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16 & 23, dusk.
- 88. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, CAAS Summer Outreach Program, various locations, July 11, 16, 18, 23 & 25, 2-4PM., July 28, 10AM-Noon, Aug. 1, 6 & 8, 2-4PM.
- 89. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville Garden Club Plant Sale, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Sept. 15, 7AM-2PM.

90. Drainlayer Renewal of Drain Layer's License, Borges Sewer & Drain Cleaning Co.
91. Livery New Livery License, Herb Chambers I-93 dba Chambers Motors, 259 McGrath Hwy.
92. Garage New Garage License, P.Gioiso & Sons, 628 Somerville Ave., 2 autos outside, for storage only.
93. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Mike's Automotive Service Inc., 298 Somerville Ave., 20 autos.
94. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Grove Street Realty Trust, 48 Grove St., 20 autos.
95. Garage Renewal of Garage License, 120 Beacon St. L.P., 120 Beacon St., 80 autos.
96. Garage Renewal of Garage License (2005), Autosol, 444R Somerville Ave., 15 autos.
97. Garage Renewal of Garage License (2006), Autosol, 444R Somerville Ave., 15 autos.
98. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, M.S. Walker Inc. Harvey Allen, 20R Third Ave., 90,000 gallons.
99. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, 120 Beacon St. L.P., 120 Beacon St., 20,000 gallons.
100. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Grove Street Realty Trust, 48 Grove St., 500 Gallons.
101. Taxi Med Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Elysee Corp., Med. #48.
102. Taxi Med Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Honey Cab Inc., Med. #82.
103. Taxi Med Taxi Medallion Transfer, Mariam Cab Inc. to TALKD Transportation Inc., Med. #55.
104. Comm. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases responding to #183290 re: the proposed BU Biolab.
105. Comm. Walpole Board of Selectmen regarding the development of so-called "Unfriendly 40B" projects.
106. Comm. Tam Lin Neville re: Union Sq. Zoning.
107. Comm. Stuart Dash re: Union Sq. Zoning.

LATE ITEMS